

DVR Accomplishments

October 1 – December 31, 2006

Goal 1: Individuals with disabilities achieve gainful employment

- Workstrides fully operational in 5 sites and plans under way to expand to 3 additional sites beginning in January 2007.
- Initiated opportunities for expansion of Workstrides to American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Programs and Governor's Committee for Disability and Employment Navigator initiative.
- Achieved 436 successful rehabilitation outcomes and a rehabilitation rate of 54.9%.
- Initiated services to more than 3,000 individuals who were on the waiting list.

Goal 2: Staff resources and skills support clients achieving their goals

- Increased statewide targets for rehabilitations to 2,500 and rehabilitation rate of 60% in FFY 2007.
- DVR offices organize and conduct Disability Mentoring Day activities.
- Implemented monthly supervisory case reviews and reviewed 800+ cases statewide.
- Established counselor and unit allotments and allotment tracking reports.
- Appointed a new Field Services Administrator, oriented the new team of Area Managers and completed field restructuring.
- Presented Division GMAP updates to DSHS Secretary and leadership.
- Completed 2006 Annual Report highlighting client success.
- Received initial results of DSHS Research and Data Analysis study on rehabilitation rate and began analysis of data.

Goal 3: Community partnerships maximize resources to serve more people

- Received initial results from the State Rehabilitation Council customer survey.
- Conducted CRP meetings in each area to report outcomes of previous contract and get feedback on new contract.
- Expanded quarterly partnership meetings in local DVR offices.
- Participated in annual leadership meeting with American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Program, DVR and Department of Services for the Blind.
- Continued meeting with representatives of higher education to reach agreement on financial responsibility for accommodations for DVR clients who attend college.
- Appointed new SILC Director.
- Participated on Mental Health Transformation Work Group to develop strategic recommendations for improving the mental health system over the next four years.
- Participated in comprehensive workforce system review resulting in development and presentation of strategic recommendations to Governor Gregoire.